



New Brunswick Bay of Fundy Site Allocation Policy

New  Nouveau
Brunswick

Policy Objectives



- To ensure an economically sustainable industry
- To ensure aquaculture is conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner
- To provide a framework that facilitates restructuring of the salmon aquaculture industry
- Policy released in fall of 2001

Where We Started 1997



- Multi Year Class Farms
- Discussion Initiated with Industry on Single Year Class Farming
- 85 Sites
- In excess of 50 companies
- Commissioned study to review other jurisdictions included review of hydrographic information available in the Bay of Fundy
- Industry led on developing Bay Management Framework



Policy Required to Assist in Re-structuring

- **Single Year Class Operations**
- **Bay Management Areas** (a combination of oceanographic studies relative currents, water exchange and ownerships of sites may result in further refinements)

2001

85 Sites

21 Bay Management Areas

5 BMA's Multi Year Class

7 sites multi year class

2003

93 sites

Working group established to review and make recommendations on changes to BMA's or creation of new ones

2 BMA's Multi Year Class

All single year class



Highlights of Policy

- Framework to restructure salmon industry focused on fish health and environmental sustainability
- Exclusion & Controlled Growth Areas
- Bay Management Agreements
 - Operating Standards
 - Bay Management Plans

Highlights of Policy continued



- **Enforcement and Compliance**
- **Environmental Management – Department of Environment & Local Government**
 - **Environmental Management Plan**
 - **Remediation Plan**
 - **Waste Management Plan**



Areas of Focus

- Creating Buffer zones between year classes
- Single Year Class Stocking (no overlap)
- Consolidation of farms where it makes sense
- Review of Guidelines for establishing production
- Currently reviewing exclusion zones